

5 a first plug for disconnectable connection with the audio device;  
a second plug for disconnectable connection with the portable  
communication terminal device;  
an electroacoustical transducer;  
first means connected to the second plug for detecting whether or not a call-  
A1 related electric signal is outputted from the portable communication terminal device, and  
generating a detection result signal representative of a result of said detecting; and  
10 second means connected to the first plug, the second plug, the  
electroacoustical transducer[,] and the first means, for disconnecting the first plug from  
the electroacoustical transducer and connecting the second plug to the electroacoustical  
transducer in response to the detection result signal generated by the first means when the  
first means detects that a call-related electric signal is outputted from the portable  
15 communication terminal device.

[Please add the following new claim:]

A2 --7. An earphone apparatus for an audio device and a portable communication  
terminal device as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for controlling the level of the  
first electric signal is separate from the audio device and from the portable  
communication terminal device.--